AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the sixth paragraph on page 4 as follows:

D1

--As indicated above, these ring systems can be unsubstituted or substituted by substituents such as halogen up to per-halosubstitution. Other suitable substituents for the moieties of B include alkyl, alkoxy, carboxy, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cyano, hydroxy and amine. These other substituents, generally referred to as X and X' herein, include –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10}-alkenyl, C_{1-10}-alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_{2-10}-alkenyl, substituted C_{2-10}-alkoxy, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl and ~~Y AR~~ M-L^1.--

Please amend the third and fourth paragraphs on page 5 as follows:

D2

--The bridging group ~~Y~~ M is preferably -O-, -S-, $-N(R^5)$-, $-(CH_2)_m$-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, $-NR^5C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$-, $-NR^5C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^5$-, $-(CH_2)_mO$-, $-(CH_2)_mS$-, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^5)$-, $-O(CH_2)_m$-, $-CHX^a$, $-CX^a_2$-, $-S-(CH_2)_m$- and $-N(R^5)(CH_2)_m$-, where m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen.

The moiety ~~Ar~~ L^1 is preferably a 5-10 member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3.--

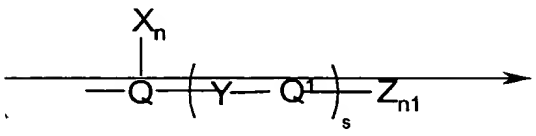
Please amend the second, third and fourth paragraphs on page 6 as follows:

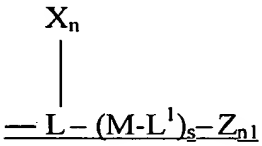
D3

--The aryl and heteroaryl moieties of B are more preferably of the formula:

wherein ~~Y~~ M is selected from the group consisting of –O-, -S-, $-CH_2-$, $-SCH_2-$, $-CH_2S-$, -CH(OH)-, -C(O)-, $-CX^a_2$, $-CX^aH-$, $-CH_2O-$ and $-OCH_2-$ and X^a is halogen.

D3





~~Q~~ L is a six member aromatic structure containing 0–2 nitrogen, substituted or unsubstituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution and Q^1 L^1 is a mono- or bicyclic aromatic structure of 3 to 10 carbon atoms and 0-4 members of the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or unsubstituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution. X, Z, n and n1 are as defined above, and s = 0 or 1.

In preferred embodiments, ~~Q~~ L is phenyl or pyridinyl, substituted or unsubstituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution and Q^1 L^1 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, pyrimidinyl, quinoline, isoquinoline, imidazole and benzothiazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted by halogen, up to per-halo substitution, or ~~Y-Q~~ $^+$ –M-L^1 is phthalimidinyl substituted or unsubstituted by halogen up to per-halo substitution. Z and X are preferably independently selected from the group consisting of $-R^6$, $-OR^6$ and $-NHR^7$, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{10}-alkyl or C_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl and R^7 is preferably selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_3-C_{10}-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl and C_6-C_{10}-aryl, wherein R^6 and R^7 can be substituted by halogen or up to per-halosubstitution.--